

# Shortlisted

Women in the Shadows of the Supreme Court

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**By Renee Knake Jefferson  
& Hannah Brenner Johnson**



“This fascinating book reconstructs a chapter of women’s history that has been hiding in plain sight: the numerous qualified women whose names were floated for the Supreme Court but who never got there. Just as they were overlooked, so have their individual stories been — until now.”

— **Linda Greenhouse, New York Times contributing columnist**

“With fresh research, the authors effectively humanize the women who never received the nominations they deserved.”

— **Kirkus Reviews**

“This is a major contribution to the story of women lawyers.”

— **U.S. District Judge Nancy Gertner**

“Stunningly original in its focus and its careful research, *Shortlisted* is beautifully written and an important addition to the literature about the Supreme Court, the process of nominating justices, and the role of gender in American law.”

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“The book provides a behind-the-scenes empirical examination of the gendered portrayals of women shortlisted to the Supreme Court, casting a spotlight on media biases and stereotypes.”

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